

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting on
Thursday December 9, 2010

Sedona Fire Station #3, 125 Slide Rock Rd, Sedona AZ 86351

Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance: President Copen called the meeting to order at 9:01am. Bill Kusner led the Pledge.

1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call: Twenty-three representatives or alternates were present out of 27 which constitutes a quorum. Those absent were from Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Pinon Woods I, Sundance and Wild Horse Mesa.

2. Agenda from Executive Board Meeting: The Executive Board met on December 6 at the Forest Service Administrative Office, 8375 SR179.

3. President's Report: Mel Copen

a. Meeting Calendar: It's the same pattern as this year. Council meetings will be the second Thursday of the month in the Fire Station #3 Training Room; Executive Board meetings will be held on the Monday before the Council meeting in the Forest Service Administrative Office, with two exceptions: due to Federal holidays on Mondays, the September and October Executive Board meetings will be held on the Thursday before the Council meeting.

2011 Calendar – Meetings of Big Park Regional Coordinating Council

MONTH	EXECUTIVE BOARD	COUNCIL
	Monday before Council**	2 nd Thursday of Month
JANUARY	10	13
FEBRUARY	7	10
MARCH	7	10
APRIL	11	14
MAY	9	12
JUNE	6	9
JULY	11	14
AUGUST	8	11
SEPTEMBER	THURS. 1**	8
OCTOBER	THURS. 6**	13
NOVEMBER	7	10
DECEMBER	5	8

b. Umbrella Group: President Copen reported the group will be meeting December 15 in the Forest Service Visitor Center from 10:00-12:00am. The issues relating to the SR179 corridor start with the signage on I-17, directing people to Sedona and include the I-17/SR179 interchange, landscaping and weed control, signage, art in the roundabouts, crossovers, and extending the All American Road designation to the "Y." About 16 concerned organizations are involved including Yavapai County; Supervisor Chip Davis, Keep Sedona Beautiful, the Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Rob Adams

are among those who will attend. It's already a big group and a crowded agenda, but others interested are invited to attend.

c. CPR Course: The Hands-Only CPR class will be given after today's meeting. It's a 25-minute class to be given by Sedona Fire Officer Gary Johnson.

4. New Members/Changes: The Sedona Village Business Association has appointed Lori LoDuca the representative to the Council; alternates are Kathy Nelms, Michele Moore, Dean Patterson and Tom Graham. This information is included in the Council Roster printed December 8, 2010. Only 2 alternates appear on the roster, but clicking on the organization's name on the BPRCC website will bring up an email form that will go to all representatives and alternates.

5. Secretary's Report: Fran McWherter reported receiving no corrections or additions to the November Council minutes. **Moved, seconded and passed** to approve the minutes as presented.

6. Treasurer's Report:

a. Treasurer's Report: Mark Mumaw reported that the \$662 in "Miscellaneous" consists of the \$650 that should have been transferred from the regular account to the Recreation account last May and has now been done. That leaves the Summer program a balance of \$301.49 and the overall balance including that is \$2091.18. The Council is within budget this year. The report is filed for audit.

b. Budget 2011: The Budget Committee has been established: Mark Mumaw, Carolyn Fisher and John Gillam will be meeting next week and the proposed budget will be distributed to Council; it will be presented at the January 2011 Council meeting.

7. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tom Graham had no report. Mel Copen reported receiving a courtesy copy of Keep Sedona Beautiful's letter to the Forest Service on the water tank issue. Their comments are similar to the Council's comments.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Recreation Committee: Jay Markle reported that the 3-year old Recreation Summer Program has had intermittent success. Now the program has lost its leader, who has moved out of state. Here's a possible solution: The Boys and Girls Club of Sedona runs a bus to the Club at 8:00am and back at 5:00pm, Monday through Friday during the summer. Membership in the Club is \$35 per year, and the charge for its summer program is \$40 per week. And they provide lunch. This is a bargain compared to the Council's Recreation Program charge. The Recreation Committee proposes to drop the existing Council Summer Program and instead have Big Park youngsters join the Boys and Girls Club program.

Moved the Council allocate \$350 to be used to establish a scholarship for the annual B&GC dues for 10 Big Park youngsters. The motion was **seconded and passed**.

Moved to discontinue the Council's summer recreation program; **seconded and passed**.

The budget committee will budget \$350 for 2011 and in future years the budget situation will determine if funds can be allocated to the program.

President Copen thanked Jay Markle and Don Beard for their efforts on the program past and present. (Applause.)

b. Planning and Zoning: Chair Mark Mumaw reported there were only 5 members of the committee present at the last meeting and therefore there was no quorum. However, the 5 members agreed unanimously on the three following issues and he feels that had there been a quorum present, the agreements would still have been unanimous. The County is seeking comment on the following:

(1) Enforcement Inspections: Inspectors require prior permission to enter property. Amendment would allow Inspector to enter property for the sole purpose of contacting the owner, but only if property is NOT posted with a No Trespassing sign.

P & Z recommends approval.

Moved, seconded and passed: the Council approves the Committee's recommendation.

(2) Religious Institutions

Religious institutions are permitted in a residential area
Intended for small neighborhood community churches
Problem – Large scale resorts or retreats open under the auspices of a religious institution
Amendment limits religious institutions to two acres or less

P & Z have no objections but fear legal challenges; therefore
P & Z recommend the County consider the following:

In addition to using a property's size to control any type of "large scale operations" in a residential area, the Ordinance should also address the size of the operations such as number of parking spaces proposed to be provided. Once a threshold, such as say 8 parking spaces is needed to support operations in a residential area, the public process would be required. This process would include the Citizens Participation process and formal approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Moved, seconded and passed: The Council approves the Committee's recommendation with the addition of the words "(of any kind)" following "large scale operations".

(3) Charter Schools:

Publicly funded educational institutions are permitted in residential areas
Recent State law changes allow County to restrict Charter Schools to 1 acre or greater

P & Z recommend approval and also recommend the County consider the following:

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Moved, seconded and passed: the Council approves the Committee's recommendations.

Corresponding Secretary Tom Graham will forward the Council's recommendations to Planner Tammi DeWitt at the County offices.

4) Las Posadas update: Chair Mumaw reported that the Planning and Zoning Commissioners recommended the Las Posadas PAD amendment be approved.

c. Transportation: Chair John Gillam reported on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program which was initiated by ADOT. The purpose is to improve roads for safe biking and walking to school in the Big Park area. A grant proposal has been submitted to hire a consultant to help write the grants for possible physical improvement of area roads and sidewalks. The County Public Works director signed off on the application and the group is now waiting for a response from ADOT.

Jane Petty pointed out that the intersection exiting the Big Park school at Bell Rock Blvd. and Saddlehorn is very dangerous. Nobody stops completely. John Gillam will add this information to any analysis. Dave Norton's whole goal is to get the current bike/walking lane on VV School Road

extended to west of Bell Rock Blvd. on at least one side because there is no shoulder there now, and many students use that road to get to school. John Gillam thinks that will be a priority in any future analysis.

d. Communications: Chair Carolyn Fisher hopes to report next month.

e. Vision and Enhancement: Chair Mel Copen reported that the committee is trying to recapture the momentum it had during last spring. He hopes to have a compilation of data to report in January. He showed a chart of the 600+ answers to the first question, "What brought you to Sedona?" Almost a third of the people who are here said they came because of the natural surroundings. Nine percent mentioned climate. Many comments were related to people, about 5%. Eleven percent mentioned outdoor activities. Eleven percent mentioned small-town feeling. Family, economic factors, history were other factors.

There were 36 questions; all the computer-work answers have been tabulated. The committee was complimented on getting a good sampling of responses. Non-residents were not solicited, except for the VOCA mailing of *The Villager*. The committee worked hard to elicit responses from 13%-15% of the population. Chair Copen wants to resume committee meetings ASAP.

f. Weed update: Chair Gail Shaw Simpson was not able to get together her "grooming committee" for everything on SR179 outside the special improvement district.

g. Bylaws/Guiding Principles: Chair Craig Dible will have a report at the January meeting.

10. Other reports:

a. Verde Valley Regional Transportation: John Gillam reported that ADOT has no money to build the planned uphill passing lane from Camp Verde southbound on I-17. The County apparently has money to put a 2" overlay of asphalt on Beaverhead Flat Rd. They are trying to design a way to keep cars from running off the roadway without adding grooved rumble strips, so that the roads would be more bicycle-friendly.

b. Verde Valley Master Regional Trails Plan: Dave Norton reported that the group is still making presentations around the Verde Valley; a schedule of meetings is on the County website. An unauthorized group with no official power is trying to get governmental bodies to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. He advises Council to pay attention to this issue.

c. Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (RRREMD): Tom Graham has been out of town; Joanne Johnson reported one man is working on cleaning up after all the weed spraying that was done. Some cacti have rotted because the emitters were placed directly on them. The group is trying to have RECON and ADOT provide for new plants. Dead plants will be replaced within budget amounts, not all at once.

d. Sedona Fire District: Public Information Officer Gary Johnson advised everyone to take 4-point digital photographs of their property, burn the pictures to a disc and give it to a family member for safekeeping. This will greatly help SFD to determine the cause of any fire and insurance companies to evaluate claims. In the next 30 days there will be days when candle fires occur. He cautioned everyone to be sure the candle is not left unattended, that it is safely contained and supported. The CPR class will follow the Council meeting today.

e. Village Library: Carolyn Fisher reported that the SPL in the Village will be moving to Tequa Suite C102 on the courtyard on February 1; a lease has been signed. The new library will have almost twice the space, but still not enough to house a collection. Usage of the library facilities has increased tremendously. She thanked Barbara Benson who made the back part of her building available to the library at a very reasonable cost. The library will be closed January 23 - January 31. An open house called "Love your Library" will happen on February 15.

A book sale is scheduled in the Village for the Village on January 28-30. Volunteers are needed; contact Cheryl Yeatts at the Village library. Book donations should be made to the library during open hours; they should not be put in the drop box. Donations of cash can be earmarked for the SPL in the Village.

f. Sedona Village Business Association: Chair Kathy Nelms reported on a successful mixer-style general meeting at VOCA. Their board meeting is Wednesday December 15.

g. Community Issues Committee - Chamber of Commerce: Dave Norton reported 1) the City of Sedona is going to consider tent sales; an ordinance or regulation will be developed for controlling the tent sale industry in Sedona. 2) Yavapai College has expanded in Cottonwood; a Business Assistance facility is available free. It has meeting rooms, computers, telephone lines, and more. 3) The Department of Public Safety has 4 medical helicopters in Arizona that do search and rescue. One is based in Kingman, one each in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson. If the two northern AZ units are combined into one that means response times will be a lot longer. It all depends on funding.

SFD Officer Gary Johnson reminded everyone that if the one helicopter goes away it will impact services to communities. The hospital has an air ambulance but that does not replace the DPS unit.

11. Old Business:

a. Council Officers Election: President Copen asked for nominations from the floor; there were none. **Moved, seconded and passed,** the slate as presented is elected by acclamation: President Mel Copen; Vice President Dave Norton; Secretary Tom Graham; Treasurer Mark Mumaw. President Copen commented that the job of Council President has been rewarding due to the people he has been working with.

b. State Parks liaison appointment: Anyone interested in this position should contact him.

12. New Business:

Forest Service liaison: Paul Sullivan volunteered to fill this position. **Moved, seconded and passed:** The Council approves this appointment. Tom Graham will notify Heather Provencio, Red Rock District Ranger.

13. Announcements:

a. Canyon Singers Christmas Concert: Carolyn Fisher distributed a flyer about the concerts on December 10th and 12th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, tickets \$10. Ms. Fisher will be performing with the group.

b. Pilgrimage to Bethlehem at Tequa: Dave Norton distributed a flyer on free performances which will take place on December 17, 18 and 19 at Tequa Marketplace in the Village. Mr. Norton himself will be singing and acting in the performance.

c. Canyon Moon Theater: President Copen announced that CMT director, Mary Guaraldi, has received a challenge grant of \$20,000. Contributions made to CMT before the end of December will be doubled. IPP Dorothy O'Brien stated that NAU music students are trying to put together a concert to help meet the challenge.

13. Adjournment: Moved, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.